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From the Imperial Camp at Pietole, *May* 21. *N. S.*

THE 15th Inſtant, we marched from *Aquanegra* to *Uſtiano*, where we encamped, and had Intelligence, that the Enemy had paſſed the *Oglio* near *Quinzano*, and was marching towards *Manerbio*, in order to paſs the *Mela*. Prince *Eugene* had ordered a Camp to be marked out near that River, but upon taking a view of the Ground, he altered his Reſolution. We had Advice in the evening, that the Enemy was encamped at St. *Gervaſo*, and had a Body of Troops at *Manerbio*, which were making a Bridge over the *Mela*: Prince *Eugene* thereupon reſolved to march back again to *Caneto*, and accordingly ſent away the Bagage; and the better to cover our march, Prince *Commerci* and the Margrave of *Anſpach* were ſent with two Regiments of Dragoons to *Pralboino*, where our *Huſſars* were poſted before to obſerve the Enemy. The 16th, we encamped near *Caneto*, our Left extending to that Town, and our Right to the River *Chieſa*. Prince *Eugene* cauſed the Garriſon of *Uſtiano* to retire, with all their Ammunition and Proviſions, the Place not being in a Condition of Defence, leaving there only 100 Dragoons, who had Orders to come away upon the approach of the Enemy. Prince *Commerci* and the Margrave of *Anſpach* rejoined us with the Forces from *Pralboino*. The 17th, by break of day, we marched again, and encamped at *Campidello*. A ſtrong Detachment of the Enemy came to *Uſtiano*, upon which the Dragoons who were left there retired, having firſt broke down the Bridge of Boats over the *Oglio*. Three Regiments of Foot and two of Dragoons, one of which arrived that day from *Germany*, marched with 12 Pieces of Cannon to *Montanara*, where they poſted themſelves. The 18th, we encamped between *Bocca de Ganda* and St. *Nicola*; the heavy Bagage remained at the *Bocca d'Oglio*, guarded by *Vaubonne*'s Regiment of Dragoons, and 50 *Huſſars*; and Colonel *Paul Diack* with his Regiment of *Huſſars*, and Adjutant General *Columba* with a Party of Horſe, were poſted at *Madonna della Gratie*, with Orders to ſend out Parties to get Intelligence of the Enemy. Advice came, that the Enemy was advanced beyond *Caſtel-Godofredo*, and that ſome of their Troops were marched to *Goito*; upon which Prince *Commerci*, who was poſted at *Pontemerlano* with ſeveral Regiments of Horſe and Foot, drew together the Imperial Forces quartered thereabouts, abandoning ſeveral ſmall Poſts about *Mantua*; and he was joined by Count *Trautſmanſdorf* with two Regiments of Horſe, and by the Regiment of Cuiraſſiers of *Palfi*. The 19th, we remained in the ſame Camp, and received our heavy Bagage which had been left behind. Prince *Eugene* went out with 500 Granadiers, 300 Dragoons, and ſome Horſe, to view *Cereſa*, one of the 4 Avenues leading to *Mantua*, and reſolving to attack that Place, he poſted the beſt part of his Men thereabouts. *Cereſa* is defended on the ſide of the Country by a good Breaſt-work, and on the ſide of the Town by a large ſquare Tower that covers the Cauſey which leads to *Mantua*, and on the right hand of *Cereſa*, upon the *Mincio*, ſtands another Fort, called *Pietole*. Five Battalions and 400 Horſe were commanded to attack theſe Poſts, and had 4 Pieces of Cannon, 24 Pounders, and ſeveral Field-pieces, given them for that purpoſe; and to make a Diverſion, Count *Guttenſtein*, with the Forces which lay at *Montanara*, was ordered to march to *Pradella*, another of the Avenues of *Mantua*, and to poſt himſelf near to it, as if he had a Deſign to attack it. Prince *Commerci*, with the Forces under his Command, marched towards *Duſſo*. The 20th, our Cannon began to play upon the Tower of *Cereſa*, and after ſome few Shot taking place upon the Chains of the Draw-bridge, it fell down. It was obſerved that the Enemy did not fire from their Breaſt-work, upon which 4 Granadiers were ſent thither to get Intelligence, who finding that the Enemy had abandoned it, a Company of Granadiers, with ſome Carpenters, entered the Breaſt-work, and went up to the Gate of the Tower, and cut it down; The Enemy thereupon retired in great Confuſion towards the Town, leaving in the Tower 4 Field-pieces, and 6 other ſmall Cannon, with abundance of Materials for making Fortifications; They at the ſame time abandoned the Fort of *Pietole*, where we found 4 Patereroes. In the mean time our Army marched from St. *Nicola*, and encamped near *Pietole*, and ſeveral Intrenchments were caſt up for the Security of our Camp. The 21ſt, Adjutant General *Davia* was ſent out with a Party of Horſe to carry ſome Orders to the Commanders of the Imperial Forces at *Caneto*, *Marcaria*, *Guzolo*, and *Torre-d'Oglio*; who came back the next day with an Account, that the Enemy had taken *Caneto*, the Garriſon being forced to ſurrender upon Diſcretion, and that the Garriſon of *Marcaria*, to avoid the ſame Misfortune, was retired to *Guzolo*. Our Parties have brought in ſeveral Priſoners, by whom, as well as by our Spies, we are informed, that the Duke of *Vendoſme* is at *Caneto* with 12000 Men, and the reſt of his Army is ſtill encamped near *Iſolella*, in the *Venetian* Territories; That they are but ill furniſhed with Proviſions, which puts them upon plundering the Country, and committing great Diſorders; that the Country People, in Revenge, have killed a great number of them, and that by reaſon of their tedious Marches, a great many are fallen ſick, whom they were forced to ſend back to the *Cremoneze*. Prince *Commerci* has taken Poſt at *Marmirolo* with the Body of Forces under his Command, and Count *Arensberg* is poſted with 800 Horſe near *Borgo San Giorgo*; and we have laid two Bridges of Boats over the *Mincio* behind our Camp, to keep our Communication open with them.

From the French *Camp near* Goito, *May* 25. After a tedious March we are at length come to this Place, and our Army lies encamped along the *Mincio*, our Right extending to *Rivalta*, and our Left to *Goito*. The Duke of *Vendoſme* went yeſterday with a Guard of 2000 Horſe to *Mantua*. Orders are given for erecting a great Magazine of Proviſions and Ammunition at *Caneto* for the uſe of our Army. We have taken *Caſtel-Godofredo*, the Garriſon ſurrendring upon Diſcretion. Prince *Eugene*'s Army lies encamped on the other ſide of *Mantua*, near the *Mincio*, having two Bridges over that River, to keep his Communication open with his Forces poſted at *Marmirolo*, and by means of that Poſt with the Lake *di Garda*, and 2 Bridges likewiſe over the *Po*, to preſerve his Communication with the *Modeneze*, from whence 4000 *German* Horſe marched lately to *Cremona*, with a Deſign to ſurpriſe that Place, but they found the Garriſon ſo well upon their Guard, that they could not accompliſh it.

Vienna, *May* 31. The King of the *Romans* Equipage will be ſent away by the end of the next week; the King and the Queen intend to ſet out from hence the 13th of the next Month, and to go Poſt to *Egra* on the Frontier of *Bohemia*; from whence the King will proceed in all diligence towards *Landau*, and the Queen, by eaſie Journies, to *Heydelberg*, where ſhe intends to reſide during the Campaign. Count *Sultzick* went from hence this week to the Court of *Bavaria*, and 'tis ſaid that Elector ſhews a great Inclination of coming over to the Emperor's Intereſt. Letters from *Italy* give an Account, that Prince *Eugene* had his Horſe ſhot under him while he was giving Orders for attacking the Tower and the Redoubt which cover the Gate of *Cereſa*, on the South-ſide of *Mantua*, and that he was ſo advantagiouſly poſted, that the *French* could not attempt its Relief without coming to a deciſive Battel; which hazard it is believed the Duke of *Vendoſme* will not think fit to run. The ſaid Duke was encamped on the 22d Inſtant between *Caſtiglione* and *Caſtel-Godofredo*; Prince *Commerci* on the upper part of the *Mincio*, not far from *Goito*; and Prince *Eugene* on the lower part of that River, near *Pietole*; whereby the *Germans* ſecure their Proviſions, which of late have been ſupplied from the Gulph, the Country of *Tirol* not being able to furniſh any more, and that of *Mantua* being ruined to ſuch a degree, that the Peaſants are run away, and have left their Lands untilled.

Franckfort, *June* 8. Prince *Lewis* of *Baden* has given Directions for making ſeveral Redoubts and other Fortifications near *Briſac*, to ſecure the Country [illegible] the